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Dear Sirs:

This case has turned into another political, counter productive, bad for the country's economy and spirit exercise that too often occurs when soap boxes and greed are supported by competitors and those who covet the success of others. This has gone on far too long. Between a judge who used his position to most inappropriately foster his personal and perhaps others' prejudices and the politicians and lawyers who want to make many dollars by hiding their greed behind the hollow statements of justice for the common man, this case is an embarrassment to the country, our justice system and common sense. The common man, with free choices, has selected Microsoft products millions and millions of times - I suppose this would irritate a competitor. The ability of competitors to have the government use my tax dollars and resources to do their dirty work is disgusting. Having spoken to friends in other countries, we are the laughing stock around the world for, particularly in these times, forcing one of our most successful and creative companies to defend itself against the bottomless well of government. This certainly does represent me. There are many millions of people who understand that Microsoft may at some point played too hard ball in this highly competitive industry and some reasonable price is to be paid, but thus far it has gone beyond reason. We are not, and do not want a socialist government that discourages ambition and incentive. Our government is supposed to work for all people even those in business that work hard to grow and keep people employed have not chosen to base themselves in any number of other countries who would be eager to have them. Settle this thing now and reasonably. The sooner the better for both sides and our country.